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In re the Application of: **HONGO, Masanori, et al.**

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For: **MULTILAYER CERAMIC SUBSTRATE
AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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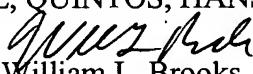
In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2006, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group (I), claims 1-3 and 9, for prosecution in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC §120 and 35 USC §121 prior to issuance of any patent granted on the elected subject matter.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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